214 Beacon St—
Boston-
14 October 1890-

My dear Sir-

I must write you just a line more to say that my word "treachery" must not be taken at all seriously. It was not by any means so intended - Also I more than appreciate the very kind intention in what you did, and it would indeed have been the easiest way. But it could not be so because these supplies are being bought by Mr. C. R. Bishop, who builds and endows the museum, though at the direction of Mr. Brigham. Mr Bishop is an extremely precise business man not to say suspicious of any expenditure not exactly following his directions. He would not have tolerated for a mo-

ment my buying the paper and handing to them with the bill, that is, to their agents. Brewer & Co seem to be equally suspicious and I rather gathered that they thought the prices I presented (from Mr. Seymour) might be improved upon, though I strongly stated that that was the place to buy according to the directions that the purchase was to be made when you recommended. Brewer & Co. even went so far as to get up a pretext the same night to send me a note here so as to get an answer showing that I was the person who had given the address to them that morning. They have evidently felt before now one of Mr. Bishop's blunderings for mistakes and do not propose to make another especially as Mr. Bishop holds the strings of everything in the islands, being

and all - so you see that although I only understood the commission as a favour I could not succeed.

I think you again for what you did for me and for the instructions which Mr. Bingham's letter caused to be necessary.

I shall try in my afternoon walk to see you at the Herbarium before long if it would not be an intrusion -

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Clark -